

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE:

IES UTILITIES INC.

DOCKET NO. P-843

ORDER ASSIGNING TO PRESIDING OFFICER

(Issued May 2, 2001)

On March 27, 2001, IES Utilities Inc. (IES), filed a petition requesting that the Utilities Board (Board) issue a permit to construct, operate, and maintain a new natural gas pipeline in Poweshiek County, Iowa. The pipeline will consist of 3.5 miles of eight-inch pipeline and provide natural gas service to the Monsanto seed drying plant and individual landowners east of Grinnell, Iowa.

Iowa Code section 479.7 (2001) requires the Board to set a hearing in a pipeline proceeding upon the filing of a petition. Therefore, the Board will assign this proceeding, identified as Docket No. P-843, to a presiding officer to establish a procedural schedule and set a hearing date.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

Docket No. P-843 is assigned to a presiding officer pursuant to 199 IAC 7.1(4).

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Allan T. Thoms

/s/ Susan J. Frye

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper
Acting Executive Secretary

/s/ Diane Munns

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 2nd day of May, 2001.